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PRELUDE TO AN ANNUAL REPORT

Last year, the second year of conditional designation, our annual report was entitled "The Two Year Old." Incorporated in that report were:

The Background Public Law 93-641

The Findings of Congress

Communications

Purposes

Functions

Coordination Matternational Continues of the Continues of

Health Systems Plan

Annual Implementation Plan

Plan Implementation/Review

Appropriateness

Plan Implementation

Data Management

Indian Tribes

Accountability

The Volunteers

"The Two Year Old" is our primer, a basic educational tool. We shall continue to use it in the future, but for now it's graduation time for the Montana Health Systems Agency. In the beginning of our third year we had accomplished our full designation. It was time for a new theme

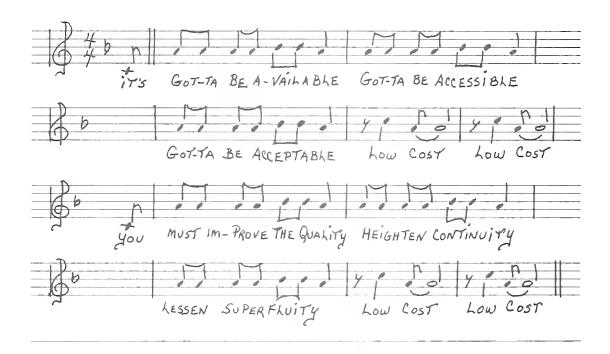
1979 OVERTURE TO HEALTH

Opus 3, the THIRD YEAR

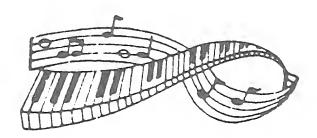
--- A new composition with many voices, louder, clearer voices -- many themes, some simple, some complex -- more participants -- more sections in the systems -- improved orchestration, sometimes harmonious, oftentimes cacophonous, and intermittently a tintinnabulation of soft counterpoint as the various forces weave their ways rhythmically and arrythmically through the maze of procedures, policies and regulations.

With all the diversity of the participants, the complexity of the law, the proliferation of the amendments, the profusion of the regulations, the paucity of the guidance, the magnitude of the libretto, it should have been predestined that the National Health Planning and Resources Development Act be set to music. Music, the international language. Everybody can understand it. It's touted to be the soul of the universe, and to solve our health problems a moving spirit and an underlying, yet overriding conscience is sorely needed.

Supposing we had pursued our first health systems plan via musical score, a symphony orchestra with nurses in the string section, physicians in the brass, hospital and nursing home administrators in the percussion, other health providers in the woodwinds and consumers in the chorus. And the poor composer? Showered by a multitude of themes, all with one basic chant --



The paucity of guidance would have left the poor composer with his guidelines looking like



his criteria a shambles



his "quantitative" a mere speculation 3/4 12/8 4/4 6/8 2/4 ?/5 7/?

his "time specific" an uncertainty
1st theme (component) -?
2nd theme (component) -?

measures (datelines) - ? measures (datelines) - ?

his searching for a key -- a horrendous problem -- what about the key?

Since we must be very sharp in this commitment, why not the key of B sharp (B^{\sharp}) ?

The obvious is also the paradox - B^{\sharp} is the most complex of the keys



These trail signs alone would bring instant paralysis to even the most accomplished performer.

In such an instance we dare not D spare, we must B natural, reduce all to the lowest common denominator, to the community, to the local circumstances, to the citizen.

Having done that, to all extent possible, we may exclaim EUREKA! The amazing discovery—that very complicated key of B^{\sharp} is the same as the uncomplicated, most basic key, <u>C</u>. C for completely natural, C for confidence, C for constant, coping, continuity, cooperation, consonant, canonical, catalyst, clairvoyance, concentration, conceptual, concurrence, constructive, corrigible, credibility, and C for community.

This is not an attempt at frivolity. There have been those many moments in the past three years when the barrage of opinions and statements, oftentimes diametrically opposed, appeared to be answerable only by some musical utterance. Opinions and statements such as:

New hospital services, or technologies, have been increasing at an annual rate ranging between four and seven percent.

Prior efforts at all levels to contain technological expansion, and, therefore, costs have been impaired because they were based on guesswork.

Problems of the health care system include maldistribution of health care personnel and resources, lack of adequate health care insurance coverage for a large part of the American population, and proliferation of "inappropriate and underused," but highly sophisticated technology.

The dilemma is the conflict of moderating costs and the consuming interest of society in making widely available the most sophisticated technology that medicine can offer. Government is the major force pushing in these opposite directions.

New technologies save rather than cost more money. If we limit the availability of technically advanced medical modalities the effect will be to encourage more labor-intensive procedures, and total health care costs will actually increase.

Having made its findings during the drafting of Public Law 93-641, the Congress put forth three major points for Health Systems Agencies (HSAs), the "A, B, Cs," purposes, functions, and coordinative requirements, or, musically speaking, the first steps, the "E, F, Gs,"

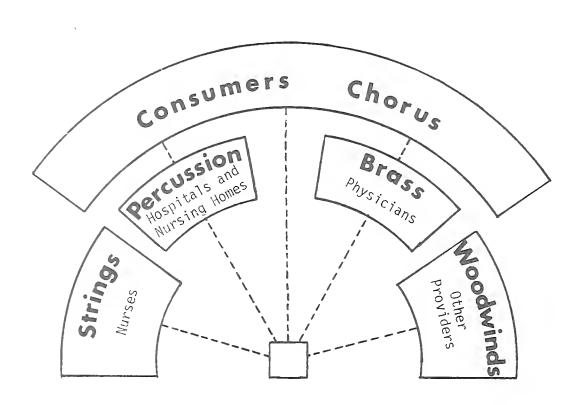
Three small steps (notes) in a very complex undertaking within the framework of an extremely complicated law, further entangled by the intricasies of a single HSA state like Montana. Like handing three small notes to a composer with the demand for a three movement symphony.

Montana, with all of her 148,000 square miles, her 764,000 inhabitants, her amazing but often threatening splendors, her breathtaking barriers, her inviting corridors of nature, her frightening storms, her tranquilities, her potentials, her needs, her demands, her values, her judgments. Collectively, they assume a momentum all their own, they establish a basic rhythm. You can almost hear the Rhapsody. In a very simple style, the opus will be developed in parallel with this annual report.

Before the reporting and the composing, let's meet the two hundred and fifteen active performers, take a look at all of the reviews we've conducted this year and our financial report.

Our Montana Health Systems Agency performers (providers and consumers) make up the following sections of orchestrators:

GOVERNING BOARD



GOVERNING BOARD

(by section)

NAMES

Consumers

Robert Bell, D.V.M. Gloria Heggen Ada Weeding Ray Amundson Al Klingler

Mary Ellen Robinson John Manley Edward Morse Barbara Schilling Jane Anderson Margaret Drummond

Jack B. Dodd
Clyde Dowell
Evelyn Johnson
John Allen
Charles Fisher
Walter Foster
Robert Jorgenson
John L. Mitchell
Kathleen Ramey
Verneva Salisbury

Bob Marks

Hospital Administrators

Gary Fletcher Vern Reed Sister Mary Clarice Lousberg

Nursing Home Administrators

Kent Ferguson

Physicians

Vincent Amicucci, M.D. Guy C. Glenn, M.D. C.G. Pat McCarthy, M.D. David Wilkins, M.D. Malcolm Winter, M.D.

Nurses

Sharon Dieziger Mary Alice Rehbein

Other Health Providers

John Bunger
Phil Catalfomo
Gary Dols
Michael Donovan
Bryce Hughett, M.D.
Al Kautz
Neil Livingston, D.D.S.
Leon C. Odegaard
Jan Treml
Gary Watt

REPRESENTING

Eastern
Eastern
Eastern
North Central
North Central
North Central
South Central
South Central
South Central
South West
Southwest
Southwest
Northwest
Northwest
Northwest

Governor's Pleasure

Montana United Indian Association

Low Income Elected Official

Billings Area Indian Health Board

Elected Official Senior Citizens

Montana Nurses Association League for Nursing

Veteran's Administration Professional Schools Chiropractor Blue Shield Mental Health Optometrist Dentist Pharmacist Home Health Allied Health

GOVERNING BOARD

Name John Allen	Last Year ofTerm Governor's Pleasure	Name Michael Donovan	Last Year of Term 1979
1140 Vallejo	dovernor s r leasure	Montana Physicians Service	1919
Helena, MT 59601		404 Fuller Avenue	
449-3420/458-9743		Helena, MT 59601	
Gov's Rep., Consumer, SW, A	rea 4	442-5450	
		Blue Shield, Provider, SW, Area 4	
Vincent Amicucci, M.D.	1980	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
2225 11th Avenue		Clyde Dowell	1981
Helena, MT 59601		P.O. Box 435	
442-4315/933-5527		Eureka, MT 59917	
Physician, Provider, SW, Area	. 4	296-2775	
	1070	Consumer, NW, Area 5	
Ray Amundson	1979		4070
1827 Beech Drive		Margaret Drummond	1979
Great Falls, MT 59401		515 North Tenth	
761-3150 Consumer, NC, Area 2		Bozeman, MT 59715 586-9165	
Consumer, NC, Area 2		Consumer, SW, Area 4	
Jane Anderson	1981	Consumer, Svv, Area 4	
P.O. Box 608	1001	Kent Ferguson, Administrator	1980
Anaconda, MT 59711		Hot Springs Convalescent Center	
563-3110		Drawer U	
Consumer, SW, Area 4		Hot Springs, MT 59845	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		741-2992	
Robert Bell, D.V.M.	1981	Nursing Home Assoc., Provider, I	NW, Area 5
515 Broadway			
Culbertson, MT 59218		Charles Fisher	1981
787-6682		Montana United Indian Association	on
Consumer, E, Area 1		P.O. Box 26	
laha Barasa Birastan	Discrete de Discrete	Babb, MT 59411	
John Bunger, Director	Director's Pleasure	732-4031	
V.A. Center Fort Harrison, MT 59636		MT United Indian Assoc., Consur	ner, NC, Area 2
442-6410			
VA Rep., Provider, SW, Area 4		Gary Fletcher, Administrator	1980
VA Nep., I fortder, Ovv, Area 4		Central Montana Hospital	
Phil Catalfomo	1980	408 Wendell	
33 Willowbrook Lane		Lewistown, MT 59457 538-7711	
Missoula, MT 59801		Hosp. Admin., Provider, SC, Area	3
728-5411/243-4621		1103p. Adillill., 110vider, 30, Area	3
Professional Schools, Provide	r, NW, Area 5	W-line France	1001
		Walter Foster	1981
Sharon Dieziger	1979	P.O. Box 2532	
3604 Fifth Avenue South		Great Falls, MT 59401 761-0310	
Great Falls, MT 59401		Low Income, Consumer, NC, Area	a 2
761-1200 ext. 2330/453-1525 MT Nurses Assoc., Provider, N	NC Aron 2	Low moome, oonsamer, No, Area	a 2
WIT Nuises Assoc., Florider, I	VC, Alea 2	Guy C. Glenn, M.D.	1980
Jack B. Dodd	1979	P.O. Box 2505	
P.O. Box 816		Billings, MT 59103	
Whitefish, MT 59937		656-0769/657-7148	
862-2819		Physician, Provider, SC, Area 3	
Consumer, NW, Area 5			
Gary Dols	1979	Gloria Heggen	1980
1120 Broadwater Avenue		P.O. Box 457	
Billings, MT 59101		Ekalaka, MT 59324	
259-1757/252-3275	0	775-6259	
Chiropractor, Provider, SC, Ar	ea 3	Consumer, E, Area 1	

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Name	Last Year of Term	Name Last Year	of Term
Bryce Hughett, M.D. Mental Health Center	1979	Edward Morse	1981
1245 North 29th		Denton, MT 59430 567-2304	
Billings, MT 59101 252-5658/248-6001		Consumer, SC, Area 3	
Mental Health, Provider, SC, Area	3	Leon C. Odegaard	1979
Evelyn Johnson	1980	Route 5, Yellowstone Trail Road	1979
430 South Fifth Street West	1900	Billings, MT 59101 259-2390	
Missoula, MT 59801		Pharmacist, Provider, SC, Area 3	
543-6737 Consumer, NW, Area 5			
		Kathleen Ramey 1511½ Railroad Avenue	1980
Robert Jorgenson 1108 Second Street West	1981	Helena, MT 59601	
Roundup, MT 59072		442-9920-442-2817 Elected Official, Consumer, SW, Area 4	
323-1104	0	Liected Official, Consumer, Sw, Area 4	
Elected Official, Consumer, SC, A	rea 3	Vern Reed, Administrator	1981
Al Kautz	1979	Richland Homes & Sidney Community Hosp. P.O. Box 671	
1212 Grand Avenue Billings, MT 59101		Sidney, MT 59270	
248-1676		482-2120 Hosp. Admin., Provider, E, Area 1	
Optometrist, Provider, SC, Area 3		1103p. Admin., Flovider, E, Alea 1	
Al Klingler	1980	Mary Alice Rehbein	1980
P.O. Box 488	1000	Richland County Public Health 221 Fifth Street SW	
Shelby, MT 59474 434-2692/434-2252		Sidney, MT 59270	
Consumer, NC, Area 2		482-2207 League for Nursing, Provider, E, Area 1	
Neil Livingstone, D.D.S.	1981	Loague for Nursing, Provider, E., Area 1	
820 North Montana Avenue	1301	Mary Ellen Robinson	1981
Helena, MT 59601		Highwood, MT 59450	
442-7530 Dentist, Provider, SW, Area 4		733-5161 Consumer, NC, Area 2	
John Manley P.O. Box 2539	1979	Verneva Salisbury Floweree, MT 59440	1981
Billings, MT 59103		734-5383	
252-7146/656-5825 Consumer, SC, Area 3		Senior Citizens, Consumer, NC, Area 2	
Consumer, So, Area S		Barbara Schilling	1980
Bob Marks	1980	P.O. Box 26	
P.O. Box 116 Clancy, MT 59634		McLeod, MT 59052 932-2805/932-2396	
933-5589		Consumer, SC, Area 3	
Consumer, SW, Area 4		Sister Mary Clarice Lousberg, Adm.	1979
C.G. Pat McCarthy, M.D.	1981	St. James Community Hospital	1373
501 West Broadway		400 South Clark Street Butte, MT 59701	
Missoula, MT 59801 543-6831/721-5600		792-8361	
Physician, Provider, NW, Area 5		Hosp. Admin., Provider, SW, Area 4	
John L. Mitchell	1980	Jan Tremi	1980
Rocky Boy Route	. 333	620 Alderson Avenue	. 500
Box Elder, MT 59521 no number		Billings, MT 59101 252-5181 ext. 221	
Billings Area Indian Health Board,		Home Health, Provider, SC, Area 3	
Consumer, NC, Area 2	0		

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1982 Ada Weeding Jordan, MT 59337 557-2557 Consumer, E, Area 1

Malcolm Winter, M.D. 1979 1817 Bridge Miles City, MT 59301 232-0790/232-4847 Physician, Provider, E, Area 1

1981

Chairman - Bryce Hughett, M.D. Vice-Chairman - Sharon Dieziger Secretary-Treasurer - Jack B. Dodd

By Public Law 93-641 this Governing Board is constituted strictly as to its membership and its responsibilities. Included in those responsibilities are: The internal affairs of the agency, the establishment of a health systems plan and annual implementation plan, the approval of grants and contracts from the Area Health Services Development Fund, the approval of all actions taken pursuant to subsections (e), (f), (g), and (h) of section 1513, the issuance of an annual report, the reimbursement of its members for reasonable costs in attending its meetings, meet at least once in each calendar quarter of the year, and conduct those meetings in public giving adequate notice to the public and make its records and data available, upon request, to the public.

This group of orchestrators (policy makers) is all volunteer. The meeting time requirements are arduous and preparation requirements are extensive and intensive in order to accomplish the broad-based understanding required for sound decision making. Then, too, the Board spawns a number of ensembles (committees, subarea advisory councils, task forces) which are very demanding in both meeting and preparation times. It is here, in these ensembles, that the Board's themes are developed and returned to the Board for its recapitulation, consideration and adoption. These ensembles put the body on the framework, the meat on the skeleton, the proof in the pudding, the harmony to the melody.

ENSEMBLE (Committee) MAKEUP FOR THE YEAR 1979

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Bryce Hughett, M.D., First Chair

John Allen
John Bunger
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Kent Ferguson
Kathleen Ramey

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Phil Catalfomo

Clyde Dowell

Charles Fisher

C.G. Pat McCarthy, M.D.

Vern Reed

Robert Bell, D.V.M. Sharon Dieziger Margaret Drummond

Gloria Heggen Edward Morse

Mary Ellen Robinson

The Executive Committee performs all those functions delegated to it by the Governing Board, including interim actions between Board meetings.

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Sister Mary Clarice Lousberg

John Manley

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Jan Treml Gary Watt Ada Weeding

Malcolm Winter, M.D.

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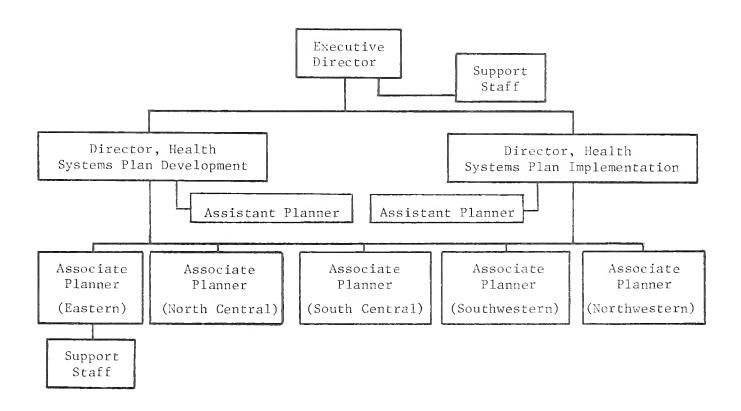
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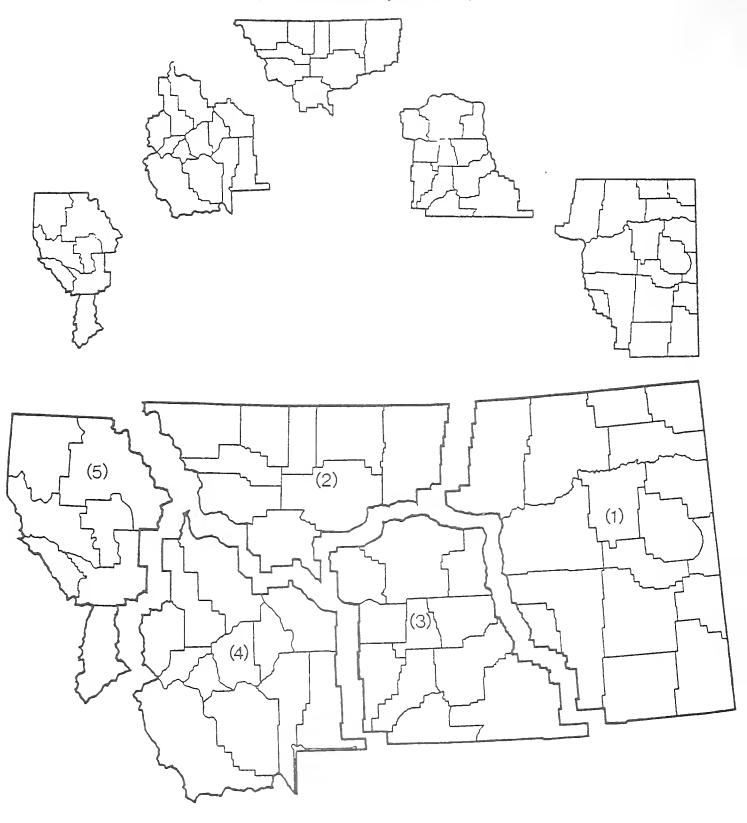
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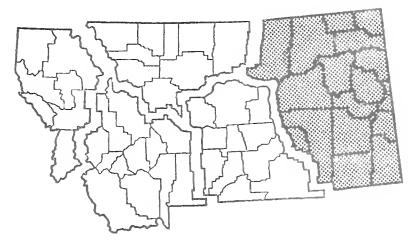
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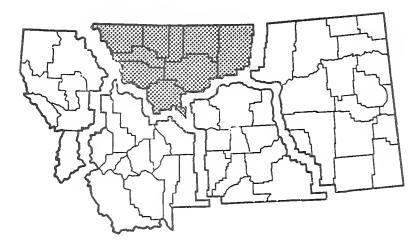
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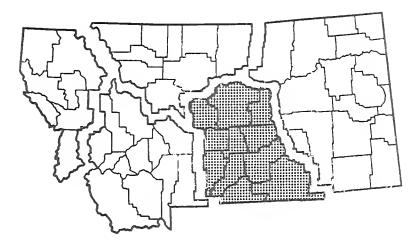
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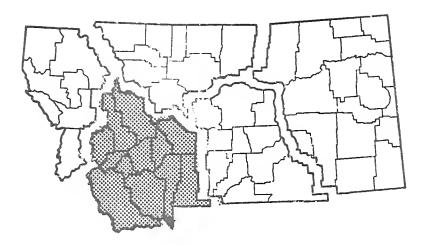
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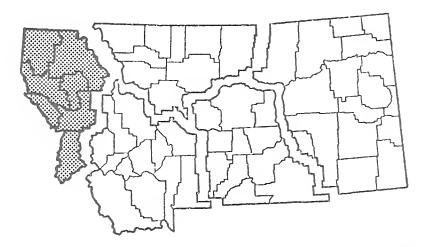
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A-95 PROJECTS August 1978 through August 1979

Facility and Project Title	Action Taken	Amount	Facility and Project Title	Action Taken	Amount
Western Montana Regional Community Mental Health Center, Missoula Conversion Grant		\$343,000	Five Valleys District Council, Missoula RHI for Missoula, Mineral and Ravalli Counties	Approval Commont	167,000
Washington State	Approval Comment	\$242,000.	Missoula General Hospital, Missoula	Approval Comment	167,000.
Diagnostic, Counseling and Referral Services for Genetic Disease	No Comment	- 0 -	Women's Alcohol Treatment and Rehabilitation Services	Approval Comment	250,068.
Montana Department of Health & Environmental Sciences, Solid Waste Management Bureau, Helena Montana Solid Waste Management, Energy Conservation and Resource			Montana Department of Health & En- vironmental Sciences, Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Helena Improved Pregnancy Outcome Project	Approval Comment	400,000
Recovery Grant *Northern Cheyenne Board of Health,	No Comment	142,100.	Southcentral Montana Regional Com- munity Mental Health Center, Billings Federal Distress Grant	Approval Comment	140,000.
Lame Deer Home Health Agency Services Yellowstone City-County Health	Approval Comment	190,285.	Southcentral Montana Regional Com- munity Mental Health Center, Billings Children's Continuation Staffing	Approval Comment	217,795.
Department, Billings Migrant Health Services Continuation Grant	Approval Comment	100,000	Southwest Montana Mental Health Center, Helena Southwest Montana Mental Health	Approval Comment	217,793.
Big Horn County Health Corporation, Hardin RHI Planning Grant	Approval Comment	25,000.	Center Community Mental Health Center	Approval Comment	204,371.
Montana District Six Council RH1,			Teton County Medical Center, Choteau HURA Continuation Application Montana United Indian Association,	Approval Comment	91,000.
Second Year Continuation Application Montana Department of Health & En- vironmental Sciences, Family Planning	Approval Comment	129,137.	Helena Research and Demonstration Grant for WICONI Family Planning	Non-reviewable	91,713.
Services, Helena Statewide Family Planning Services Eastern Montana Community Mental	Approval Comment	1,800,850.	Southcentral Montana Regional Com- munity Mental Health Center, Billings Volunteer Case Management Model in		
Health Center, Miles City Fourth Year Renewal Distress Grant	Approval Comment	157,474.	a Community Mental Health Center Montana Department of Social and	No Comment	46,424.
Western Montana Regional Community Mental Health Center, Missoula Financial Distress Grant	Approval Comment	160,423.	Rehabilitation Services, Helena Comprehensive Screening and Evalua- tion for Children - A Demonstration Pro-		
Southwest Montana Mental Health Center, Helena Continuation Staffing	Approval Comment	127,065.	ject Family Training Center, Inc., Glasgow Air Force Base	Approval Comment	200,000.
Southcentral Montana Regional Community Mental Health Center, Billings	дрргоvа: Comment	127,005.	Dental Component of Rural Health Education and Maintenance	Approval Comment	200,000.
Alcohol Services for Women and Poverty Populations Economic Development Association of	Approval Comment	153,770.	Colorado Department of Health, Denver Five-State Genetic Disease Testing, Counseling and Education Program	Approval Comment	772,102.
Eastern Montana People United for Rural Health RHI	Disapproval Comment	191,544.	Southeastern Montana RHI, Colstrip Continuation Grant 1980-1983	Approval Comment	228,153.
Southcentral Montana Regional Com- munity Mental Health Center, Billings Services to the Older Adult	Approval Comment	127,485.	Montana Department of Health & Environmental Sciences, Preventive Health Services Bureau, Helena Statewide Influenza Immunization Pro-		
Northcentral Montana Community Men- tal Health Center, Great Falls Staffing and Construction	Approval Comment	589,695.	gram Montana Department of Health & En-	Approval Comment	29,075.
*St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula Solar Energy System for Hot Water Demonstration Project	Approval Comment	220,000.	vironmental Sciences, Preventive Health Services Bureau, Helena Hypertension Control Program	Approval Comment	45,500.
Missoula Vocational-Technical Center, Missoula			*Northern Cheyenne Board of Health, Lame Deer Home Health Services Project	Approval Comment	118,570.
District II EMT-A Training Montana Department of Health & En-	Approval Comment	15,487.	Montana Department of Natural	Approvar Comment	110,570.
vironmental Sciences, Emergency Medical Services Bureau, Helena Basic Life Support Systems Develop- ment for EMS Region 2A, North Central			Resources and Conservation, Helena School and Hospitals Grant Program, Phase I	Non-reviewable	251,481. \$8,920,424.
Montana Montana Department of Health & Environmental Sciences, Emergency	Approval Comment	221,593.			
Medical Services Bureau Basic Life Support Systems Develop- ment for EMS Region 1B, Southwestern Montana	Approval Comment	766,345.		tal Approval Comment riewable/No Comment Total Disapproval	8,197,162. 531,718.
Montana United Indian Association, Helena		, 55,545.		iorai Dizabbiokai	191,544. \$8,920,424.
WICONI Family Planning Project	Approval Comment	106,919.	*Both A-95 and Certificate of Need		

CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROJECTS August 1978 through August 1979

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Facility and Project Title Cooney Convalescent Hom Helena	Action Taken	Amount	Facility and Project Title Immanuel Lutheran Home, Kalispell	Action Taken	Amount
License Change from 36 sk/24 int to 60 sk/0 int	Abbreviated Approval	- 0 -	License Change from 139 to 140 skilled	Abbreviated Approval	. 0 -
St. Vincent Hospital, S. lings New Portable Mobile Linage Intensifier	Abbreviated Approval	60,000.	Central Montana Hospital, Lewistown	•	v
Replace Gamma Cumera Replace Tomographic Radiologic Unit	Abbreviated Approval	150,000. 125,000.	License Change from 31 sk/39 int to 70 sk	Abbreviated Approval	- 0 -
Columbus Hospital Great Falls	Audievialed Apploval		Kalispell Regional Hospital, Kalispell Construction/Building Modification		
Parking Lot Enlargement Valley Vista Manor, Lewistown	Abbreviated Approval	91,739.	for Loading Dock and Service Area Approach		123,097
Licensure Change from 70 sk/27 int to 29 sk/88 int	Abbreviated Approval	- 0 -	Kalispell Regional Hospital, Kalispell	Approva	125,091
Holy Rosary Hospital, Miles City	Actieviated Apploval	. 0 .	Replace Radiographic/Fluoroscopic X-ray Missoula Crippled Children and Adult's	Abbreviated Approval	144,000.
Certificate of Need Extension Mineral County Hospital Superior	Abbreviated Approval	200,000.	Rehabilitation Center, Missoula License Home Health Aide Services		- 0 -
Replace X-ray Equipment	Abbreviated Approval	156,476.	Mountainview Memorial Hospital,	Abbreviated Approval	- 0 -
 Srances Mahon Deacumess Hospital. Glasgow 			White Sulphur Springs Add Physical Therapy Services	Abbreviated Approval	1,300.
Physicians Clinic	Approval	800,000.	St. James Community Hospital, Butte	Non-minushia	5.000
*Northern Chevenne Board of Health. Lame Deer	A	400.005	Expand Cardiac Rehabilitation Program St. Joseph Nursing Home and Retire-	Non-reviewable	5,000.
Home Health Agency Services St. James Community Hospital, Butte	Approval	190,285.	ment Center, Polson License Change from 70 sk/42 int to 40		
Purchase Updated Ultrasound Equipment	Abbreviated Approval	68,000.	sk/72 int	Abbreviated Approval	- 0 -
Pondera Pruneer Nurshiej Home, Con-			Malta Nursing Home, Malta License Change from 32 int to 32 per-		
tad Licensure Change from #1 skr22 int to		_	sonal care Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital,	Abbreviated Approval	- 0 -
43 sk/20 inc Butings Deaconess Hospital, Billings	Abbreviated Approval	- 0 -	Glasgow Purchase Mobile Realtime Ultrasound		
Replace Maxidamera II Purchase A-B Mode Diakhostic Ultra-	Abbreviated Approval	140,150.	Unit	Abbreviated Approval	30,000.
sound System	Abbreviated Approval	70,400.	Parkview Acres Convalescent Center, Dillon		
Northern Montana Hospital, Havre Replace X-ray Equipment	Abbreviated Approval	104,000.	License Change from 29 sk/79 int to 4 sk/104 int	Abbreviated Approval	.0-
Columbus Hospital, Great Falls ESRD Expansion with Home Training	Approval	84,100.	Bozeman Convalescent Center, Bozeman License Change from 26 sk/77 int to 0		
Cascade County Convalescent Center.	Approvat	04,100.	sk/103 int	Abbreviated Approval	. 0 -
Great Falls Remodel Renovate and Licensure			Livingston Convalescent Center, Livingston License Change from 30 sk/95 int to 9		
Change Mahan Danaha a Haspital	Abbreviated Approval	57,000.	sk/116 int Stillwater Convalescent Center, Columbus	Abbreviated Approval	.0.
Frances Mahon Deacon, is Hospital, Glasgow			Change of Ownership	Abbreviated Approval	78,000.
Cicensure Thange from 30 of emical to 20 medica:	Abbreviated Approval	0 -	Frances Mahon Deaconess Hospital, Glasgow		
McCone County Hospital Association, Circle			Operate WIC Program Northern Cheyenne Board of Health,	Non-reviewable	11,700.
Merge Hospital with Nursing Home	Abbreviated Approval	- 0 -	Lame Deer Home Health Services	Abbrounted Approval	140.570
St. Patrick Hospital, Missocial Purchase Three-Phase Generator	Abbreviated Approval	53,000.	St. Patrick Hospital, Missoula	Abbreviated Approval	118,570.
Purchase Radiograph Table:Tube St. Joseph Hospital Policin	Abbreviated Approval	80,000.	Replace Computerized Scintillation Camera	Abbreviated Approval	154,310.
Add Social Services to Holne Health Agency	Abbreviated Approval	. 0 .	Barrett Memorial Hospital, Dillon		
Missoula Community Hospital, Msla			Audiometer Screening Test Service Kalispell Regional Hospital, Kalispell	Non-reviewable	- 0 -
Heplace Dynacament 4.15 Powell County Marting Little Deer	Non-reviewable	65,000.	Expansion/New Patient Wing	Approval TOTAL	1,100,000. \$4,757,127.
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Standards	Abbreviated Approval	55,000.			
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C Parrick Hospital Missoula Ford Energy 3 Lemitor Hill Water				Total Approved	\$4,675,427.
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terisitier	Abbreviated Approval	86,000.	*Both Certificate of Need and A-95.		

THE FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial reports are prepared monthly and demonstrate budget pace, spending pace and excess of budget pace over spending pace.

The system is a double entry bookkeeping system with a daily ledger and a monthly ledger. A chart of accounts is utilized for each individual income and expense incurred by the MHSA.

Payroll is performed on a semi-monthly schedule with reports to Federal and State Governments, the Unemployment Insurance Division and the Workmen's Compensation Division.

Quarterly reports are submitted to the Regional Office of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures — Federal and State Grants For the Fiscal Year August 23, 1978 through August 22, 1979 (Unaudited)

REVENUE		EXPENDITURES	
Federal grant State grant	\$365,532 52,682	Personnel Payroll taxes Employee benefits Consultants Supplies, printing, general Travel Rent - space & equipment Telephone Postage Data management Public notices	\$194,333 16,031 20,860 5,292 41,974 89,318 24,990 8,886 6,262 600 3,145
Total Revenue	\$418,214	Insurance Total Expenditures Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	2,230 \$413,921 \$ 4,293
	Statement of Fina August 22, 1979		
ASSETS			
Current Assets Checking accounts Savings accounts Other Assets		\$26,022 80,131	\$106,153
Furniture and equipment Advances to employees Total Assets		11,933 400	12,333 \$118,486
Current Liabilities Payroll taxes payable	NCES		1,342
Fund Balances General fund balance, 8-22 Add: interest income Employees annual and sid Furniture and equipment for Federal grant balances - purity process of the following forms of th	k leave benefits for und balance rior fiscal years rrent fiscal year FYE 8-22-79	67,158 <u>3,554</u> und	70,712 9,419 11,933 4,287 4,293 16,500 \$118,486

THE SUBBE

In paralleling our annual report with a simple musical composition there can be demonstrated that with a few basics (purposes, functions, requirements), the musical "E. F. Gs", placed on a simple five lane road map for planning guidance (the staff).



we find ourselves in about the same posture as the Health Systems Agency was three years ago, a posture of vertigo.

What can be done with those three basics?

Me can move them around until someone tells us to stop, and, as the new guy on the block, we were frequently so advised on numerous occasions.

Not very interesting,



no orientation (arrangement).

You don't have to be a musician, or even musically inclined, to know the score. Iust follow along and observe the development as we learned more about our functions.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

Our standards began with the foundation of the program -- our ability to organize and perform our functions

AGENCY MANAGEMENT

our ability to know and understand the health status and the health system

DATA MANAGEMENT

these functions have fed into another function, output of which is a set of recommendations for changes in the health system which should take place in order to meet identified and desired goals

PLAN DEVELOPMENT

these recommended actions have provided the basis for the HSA's decisions and the decisions of others that are promoted by the HSA In other Health Systems Agency activities

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION/HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION/REGULATORY

Results of actions taken as a result of, or in concert with, the HSA are assessed in terms of this effect on health status of the population and on the health systems as described in the Plan.

THE SUMBE

As goals are gradually stated and objectives selected and defined, our score begins to assume some structure and direction. Milestones appear (bar lines) elefs give us orientation, quantifiers tell us how far to go within each milestone, the same random notes. "E I G's," begin to take on form, substance and feeling -- a pulse is being felt.



From simple basies (eure data) we ean sense some direction. Vertigo is disappearing. We can start planning.

Now to inject some alternatives, we simply move up the ladder, building a format as we go



Our performers begin to take note and try their hand at their responsibilities.



DATA MANAGEMENT

order to provide a readily understandable source of information, data management and analysis for the Montana Health Systems Agency, one of our realized objectives is the inclusion of computer capabilites. The Agency has access to a mini computer. Through the judicious use of staff in provision of technical assistance the HSA is constantly improving its capabilities by applying data automation to both planning and review programs.

Programs are being written to generate several of the utilization tables currently in the Health Systems Plan and a reporting system is being developed for the tracking of review activities.

The large amount of data needed to provide a meaningful picture of both health services and health status in Montana requires extensive compilation, verification and updating of data. The time and energy saving characteristics of a computer data system make for the efficient and accurate assemblage of updated information for planning purposes. Analysis capabilities will be expanded to provide the people of Montana. including the HSA decision makers, a greater depth and breadth to alternatives for their decision making.

Automating the statistics used in the review process has provided the MHSA with the ability to more readily and accurately provide decision makers with that information necessary for informed review committee input. Also available are comparisons of programs' past performances. This capability will be a valuable indicator in the MHSA review process.

Montana HSA staff, with technical assistance from consultants, has developed a usable computer capability. Concentrating on this "in-house" capability the HSA can continue to adjust data needs into a framework which relies on computer - 23 capabilities.

THE SUMBE

In our planning we've continued to gain in credibility and experience some freedom of foci. Our board chairman, Bryce Hughett, has served in first chair position throughout these three years and has, no doubt, suffered many anxious moments in getting the HSA ensemble in tune.



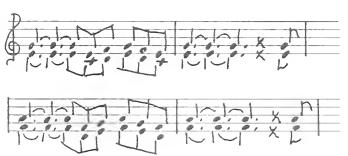
Our basics began to spawn, then mushroom --



Now our momentum was carrying us. Our horizons were expanding



Through cooperation, we began to enjoy the sweet sounds of harmony



PLAN DEVELOPMENT

In its third year the Governing Board of the Montana Health Systems Agency approved its second Montana Health Systems Plan (HSP) on December, 1978. The Plan has received many very favorable comments. It has served, during the third year, as a basic resource document for seventy-nine reviews. We have no count on the number of preliminary applications that were "tuned off" due to the lack of conformity with the HSP. We have no measure of the extent to which potentially approvable applications were "tuned in" to the HSP and became better and better applications during the developmental process, a period during which the applicant was better able to perceive "needs," "wants" and "gots" through an improved understanding of long range implications of the HSP.

This past year, August 23, 1978 - August 22, 1979, has been a year of transition. There has been far less emphasis placed on the basic planning activities (the writing of components for the HSP), and increased emphasis on annual implementation projects (AIPs), data management and data presentation, and special studies.

With respect to the third plan scheduled for Board consideration and approval on November 2, 1979, only two components are being added:

- Federal Primary Health Care Programs
- Comprehensive Rehabilitation Programs

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Through communications more voices were being added, more sections of the systems were chiming in





With the development of policies, guidelines, standards, criteria -- everyone was getting to know the score. The composition was becoming more meaningful, more professional, full-bodied



Emphasis now, into the fourth year, will be on revising the present plan in order to address some necessary exceptions to the National Guidelines. The latest utilization data is being inserted into the tables with corresponding adjustments of 1985 estimations and expectations.

As to the Annual Implementation Plan (AIP), two projects from each of the five subarea advisory councils were identified and adopted by the Health Systems Agency. These ten projects included:

- 1. the presentation of a public discussion on Nurse Practitioners.
- 2. the studying of the feasibility of establishing a central, coordinating agency in Eastern Montana for health education and continuing health education efforts,
- 3. the compilation of an inventory of health education programs in North Central Montana,
- 4. a concerted effort to train 10% of the residents in North Central Montana in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation,
- 5. the sponsoring of several health education conferences in Stanford and Ryegate,
- 6. the sponsoring of a dental screening and prevention program in South Central Montana,
- 7. the development of an education program on generic drugs.
- 8. the promoting of a public awareness effort to increase use of nurse practitioners in Southwestern Montana,
- 9. the developing of a consumer referral service for health and social support programs in the Missoula area,

THE SUMBE

Not everyone was cooperative. Some felt that the Health Systems Agency should "just go away"



Board Vice Chairman, Sharon Dieziger, in her first chair position on the Plan Development Committee bore the brunt of many invectives in introducing the first Health Systems Plan and its first revisions.

But our melody lingered on, the values of good planning becoming increasingly evident, our score more flowing, more rhythmic, all health systems go --

10. the conducting of a feasibility study for the establishment of a family practice residency program centered in Missoula.

Adverting to special studies, these three small contracts were awarded to consultants:

- 1. A study of the economic feasibility of small communities to support a physician. (This study has been used to advise communities in the development of community projects, as in the town of Belt, and in the preparation of federal grant applications, as in Philipsburg. Results of the study were summarized in an HSP component.)
- 2. An inventory of alternative facilities for the aged. (This is being used as background for a \$61,000 study of alternatives to Montana's long-term care facilities and is being sponsored by the state agency, SHPDA.)
- 3. An inventory of health education programs in Montana. (This project was used by the SHPDA in the preparation of the State Health Plan (SHP) component on Health Education.)



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THE SUMBE

With our many review activities there has been, and will be, many opportunities for discord, disharmony and oftentimes, distress. The rhythmic line of the review process is usually scherzo

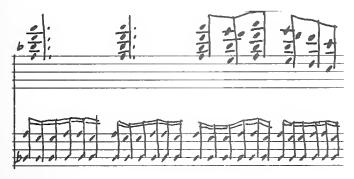
(rapid and hectic)



In the pulse of this process some performers get carried away



It should have been a non-substantive review



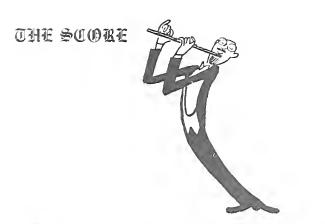
PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

In the matter of review activities concomitant with Plan Implementation, there is a new Certificate of Need (C/N) Law, effective July 1, 1979, which has raised the threshold of reviewable capital expenditures from \$50,000 to \$150,000. Any change in services, or any change in beds which relocates such beds from one physical facility or site to another (over a period of two years) by more than ten beds or ten percent of the total, licensed bed capacity, require a Certificate of Need review. A task force has been established for the purpose of drafting those rules which are necessary for the promulgation of the Certificate of Need Law. This is the same task force which developed the new Law.

The regulations for the Proposed Use of Federal Funds (PUFF) are now in hand. This gives the Montana Health Systems Agency the review and approval authority over such applications pertinent to the State of Montana.

As of the end of our third year, August 22, the regulations for Appropriateness Reviews have not been released. The HSA Appropriateness Review Committee has had education sessions on appropriateness, and sessions have been conducted for three hospital districts.

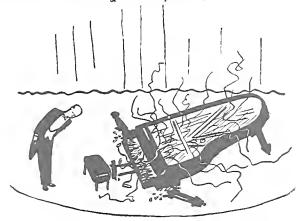
Agreements and activities related to Coordination are becoming increasingly important in all phases of plan development and implementation.



Some of the sections understand that the Health Systems Plan is a document that is basic to these reviews, that criteria and standards must be followed to accomplish a concert of actions.



Other performers in the health systems do not contribute to an orderly development.



and our score continues like a ritual fire dance.



Such agreements and coordinative efforts are with the following:

Montana Professional Standards Review Organization

Montana Hospitals Rate Review System

Montana Health Planning & Development

Agency

Governor's Office of Budget & Programs Planning

Department of Social & Rehabilitation Services

HSAs contiguous to Montana End Stage Renal Disease Network

These agencies and organizations have been very supportive of HSA review activities and have added to understanding throughout the systems.

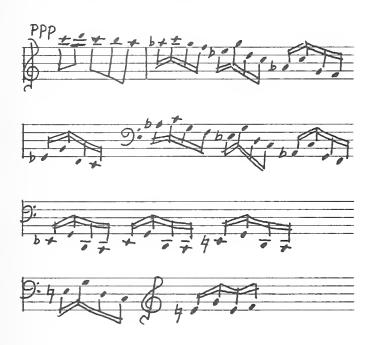
For the improvement of the quality of applications, the intent of the Health Systems Plan has been conveyed to potential applicants and reinforced through site visitations. The HSA staff works very closely with applicants requesting federal funds for health services and those applicants subject to Certificate of Need. This does not involve the actual writing of an application, but the technical expertise provided does improve the quality of the applications. These visits have resulted in improved cooperation and relationships with hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care providers, and improved understanding of the applicable review process. Site visits are conducted in consort with staff of the State Department of Health & Environmental Sciences.

THE SUMBE

A climax has been reached in the third year, a year of full performance with all parts of the systems contributing, coordinating and communicating.



And now, a brief time for reflections, a settling down. After all the production, some fruit borne, it's a cadenza almost like a cascade of falling leaves.



Once down, at once, to rise again but gently, softly --

CRESCENDOS AND CLIMAXES OF OPUS 3

In our third year one of the highpoints in our production was the realization of full designation as the Health Systems Agency for Montana. We had passed all of the performance standards, and as of October, 1978, could carry out all of the functions prescribed in Public Law 93-641 and defined in the regulations. Now our work could continue with a renewed vigor and interest.

Another climax was the Rural Health Manpower Conference staged by the Montana HSA in Great Falls on July 6, 1979. This conference was an outgrowth of AIP projects from the Eastern and Southwestern Subarea Advisory Councils. Through extensive news media contacts, newspaper, TV and radio, and the keynoting by Senator Max Baucus, a large crowd of 250 was in attendance. Included on the well-conducted program were:

"Overview of Federal Programs in the Health Field"

Aubrey M. Hall, Deputy Division Director and Regional Program Consultant, National Health Service Corps

"Emergency Medical Services Manpower"

James C. McShane, Director, Emergency Medical
Services, Colorado Department of Health

"Regionalized Medical & Health Professional Education in Montana"

Franklin S. Newman, Director, WAMI Medical Program, Montana State University

"Applied Anthropology & Rural Health Care in Montana"

Sylvester L. Lahren, Jr., Project Director, Planning & Development of an Integrated Health Care Delivery System, Montana Planning District Six

THE SCORE

Tranquility -- we can have it, if reason prevails. We need it for our own good health









"The Mental Health System"

Edward Kelty, Liaison, National Institute of Mental Health/Public Health Systems Agency, Rockville, Maryland

"Changing Concepts in Rural Health"
Irma T. Elo, Acting Director of Health Programs,
National Rural Center, Washington, D.C.

"The Politics of Rural Health"
Montana Senator Max Baucus

"The Nurse Practitioner in Montana" Panel Members:

Judy Gilman, Nurse Practitioner, Wolf Point Eric Deeter, Administrator, Rural Health Initiative, Colstrip

Mark A. Johnson, M.D., Choteau

Larry Van Nostrand, Physician's Assistant, Great Falls

Zella Jacobson, R.N., Psychiatric Nurse Clinician, Great Falls

The conference was very well received and there were numerous requests for copies of the program's content. Two hundred and twenty-five copies of the transcript were distributed.

The third year also witnessed the introduction of the HSA monthly newsletter, *MONTANA HEALTH ROUNDUP*. In its first five months it has increased its circulation 100% to 1350 due to the numerous requests from individuals and organizations. It has served as a milestone in giving a feeling of importance and unity to all those working for and with the Health Systems Agency. It has provided the readers a statewide perspective.

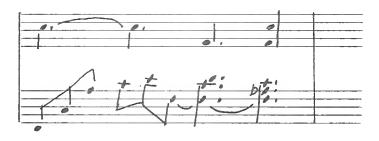
THE SUMBE

There are other areas remaining for ongoing debate including

technology - wellness

As in this musical demonstration, themes (concepts) can be treated, tempered, and massaged in many ways, sometimes simply, other times complexly. The Montana Health Systems Agency (at times in a unique circumstance) is striving, at all times, to accomplish its arrangements, by concensus, for an improved health systems in its health service area, Montana.







Montana Health Systems Agency is also expanding its public affairs and media relations efforts to enhance its image as an active organization working to meet the health care needs of Montana citizens. They are the public relations tools such as the statewide press kit and a list of HSA spokesmen to provide local comment and perspective in all of Montana's major media markets. The public will be well informed.

With the assignment of one staff member as liaison and support for each of the five subareas, relationships with council members and members of the public have improved. The liaison is requiring more participation and orchestration. In addition to the newsletter, all subarea council members are receiving all quarterly minutes of the HSA Governing Board and its committees. This gives everyone concerned a handle on the health situation presenting a new significance to the accountability which is emerging as the backbone of the subareas. Pervading the HSA, its Board, its committees, its councils, is better understanding of the law, its regulations, the functions, the responsibilities, and the processes. There is an increased awareness, better direction to staff for its planning and background for reviews. The summaries of the components are a "big plus." With the second generation of the Health Systems Plan firmly ensconced, there is now a full focus on implementation, particularly on the annual implementation plan. There are also some increasing conflicts demanding better clarifications, better communications and careful delineations of roles. But, then, conflicts are the hones that provide the polish in performance.

Over our third year there have been numerous meetings with representatives of Native American tribes and urban alliances. As a result of these meetings all of the tribes have been visited by staff of the Health Systems Agency with explanations of the HSA, its functions, roles, and responsibilities, and the receipt of Native American concerns about their health care needs. We have received a copy of the health plan of the urban alliances and will hear about the tribal health plans during the next HSA Governing Board meeting.

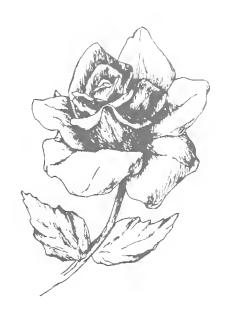
Health Systems Agencies can now feel a new sense of heightened credibility with the passage of Senate Bill 544 and H.R. 3917, the Health Planning and Resources Development Amendments of 1979. This will greatly assist the planning program in reaching maturity and beginning to fulfill the promises of Public Law 93-641.



And so with the final words of our annual report, the coda (the final notes) of our demonstration arrangement are written. We end our third year with a bit of a flourish, in recognition of the magnanimity of the 215 volunteers who gave so unstintingly of their time and efforts in carrying out the functions of the Montana Health Systems Agency.

They're not expecting any bouquets --

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